

House Committee Confirms Paul's Thrift *Congressman Saved Taxpayers more than \$250,000 in 2002*

Washington, DC: The House Administration Committee yesterday confirmed that Congressman Ron Paul left unspent more than \$250,000 of his 2002 congressional office budget. This figure represents a large percentage of the total budget for Paul's office, and a substantial increase in taxpayer savings over the previous year. Paul perennially ranks as one of the thriftiest members of Congress, and the 2002 numbers are his best ever.

"My offices strive to economize whenever possible," Paul stated. "We've trimmed our payroll, negotiated inexpensive office space, and saved on mailing costs by using email to communicate with constituents. Our goal is to focus on excellent constituent service, while reducing or eliminating spending that does not directly help us reach that goal. Government spending at all levels is too high, and I feel compelled to set an example by cutting back on spending in my congressional office."